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REGION IX**

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Carl R. Ice, President
BNSF Railway Company
2650 Lou Menk Drive
Fort Worth, TX 76131

Jon I. Stevens, President
Santa Fe Pacific Railroad Company
2650 Lou Menk Drive
Fort Worth, TX 76131

Re: General Notice Letter
Haystack Mines Site
Grants Mining District, McKinley County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Ice and Mr. Stevens:

The United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") is spending public funds to investigate and control releases or potential releases of hazardous substances, pollutants or contaminants from the Haystack Mines Site, Grants Mining District, McKinley County, New Mexico (the "Site"). Under Sections 106(a) and 107(a) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act ("CERCLA"), commonly known as Superfund, Potentially Responsible Parties ("PRPs") may be required to perform cleanup actions to protect the public health, welfare, or the environment. PRPs may also be responsible for all costs incurred by EPA in responding to any release or threatened release at the Site, as defined below. PRPs include current and former owners and operators of facilities at which hazardous substances were disposed of, persons who arranged for the disposal of hazardous substances at a facility ("generators"), and persons who accepted hazardous substances for transport to a facility ("transporters").

EPA has evaluated information obtained through its investigation of the Site, and has determined that BNSF Railway Company ("BNSF") is a PRP as a former operator (successor-in-interest to Haystack Mountain Development Company). Santa Fe Pacific Railroad Company (a current subsidiary of BNSF Railway Company) is a PRP as a former owner of mineral rights at a portion of the Site.

Site Background

The Site is located within the Eastern Abandoned Uranium Mines Region, in the Baca/Prewitt area of McKinley County, New Mexico. The Site consists of at least three contiguous abandoned uranium mines. Portions of the Site have been referred to historically as the Brown-Vandever-Nanabah mines, and the Bluewater mines, among other aliases. The Site is located on four parcels of land, which include two Indian Allotment parcels, one Federal parcel administered by the Bureau of Land Management, and one privately owned parcel. Portions of the Site are located in Navajo Indian Country.

The Haystack Mines Site is located in and around NW ¼ Section 19, Township 13N, Range 10W; SW ¼ Section 18, Township 13N, Range 10W; SE ¼ Section 13, Township 13N, Range 11W; and NE ¼ Section 24, Township 13N, Range 11W. See Attachment 1 for a map of the Site.

The Haystack No. 1 Mine is one of the historic uranium mines that make up part of the Site. The Haystack No. 1 Mine was located on Section 19 and Section 18, described above, and was an open-pit complex mine. The Haystack No. 1 mine was operated by Haystack Mountain Development Company ("HMDC") during the years 1952-1957, 1959-1961 and 1963-1965. During this time period, HMDC produced in excess of 130,000 tons of uranium ore. See Attachment 2.

In 1987, Haystack Mountain Development Company merged into the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company. On December 31, 1996, the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company merged into Burlington Northern Railroad Company and the surviving company was called Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company. In 2005, the Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company changed its name to BNSF Railway Company.

At the time of mining of the uranium ore, Santa Fe Pacific Railroad Company ("SFPR") owned the mineral rights on Section 19, Township 13N, Range 10W. SFPR is a subsidiary of BNSF. During SFPR's ownership, more than 130,000 tons of uranium ore was produced from Section 19.

On July 29th, 1991, EPA issued an Administrative Order pursuant to Section 106 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. Section 9606(a), to the Cerrillos Land Company, Santa Fe Pacific Railroad Company, and the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway Company (collectively, the "Respondents"). The Order required the Respondents to reduce radiation emissions from mine waste piles and areas where mining had exposed the uranium rich limestone and to post warning signs. Removal clean-up actions followed, performed by a contractor for Cerrillos Land Company under EPA oversight. See Attachment 3.

In May, 2009, elevated gamma radiation measurements were collected from the area now known as the Haystack Mines Site. EPA has performed a removal site evaluation and is planning further actions, including an emergency response action. See Attachment 4.

While this letter discusses only the information related to the Haystack Mines Site, EPA has additional information indicating that BNSF is likely a PRP at several other abandoned uranium mines in the area.

General Notice

BNSF is the successor-in-interest to Haystack Mountain Development Company and is potentially liable as a former operator of the Haystack No.1 Mine. SFPR is potentially liable as owner of the mineral rights of the property at the time the uranium mining occurred.

Administrative Record

Pursuant to Section 113(k) of CERCLA, EPA must establish an administrative record file that contains documents that form the basis of EPA's decisions on the selection of response actions for the Sites. The administrative record file, which contains the documents related to the response actions that are ultimately selected for the Sites, will be created and made available to the public for inspection and comment once the Agency completes sampling and characterization of the Site, completes a study of various cleanup options, and drafts a document selecting proposed response actions.

At the time of its creation, the administrative record file(s) for the Site will be made available for inspection at EPA's Regional Office in San Francisco, located at 75 Hawthorne Street, 9th floor.

Change in Financial Status:

On a related subject, now that BNSF Railway Company and Santa Fe Pacific Railroad Company have been provided with this General Notice Letter, please note that EPA has a potential claim against BNSF Railway Company and Santa Fe Pacific Railroad Company. If these companies' financial status changes in any significant way, i.e., filing for bankruptcy, they must include EPA as a creditor.

Requested Action:

Please provide EPA with the name, address, and telephone number of the person to whom EPA should direct future correspondence on behalf of BNSF Railway Company and Santa Fe Pacific Railroad Company. If you are already involved in discussions with State or local authorities, are engaged in voluntary cleanup action, or are involved in a lawsuit regarding the Site, you should continue such activities as appropriate. This letter is not intended to advise you or to direct you to restrict or to discontinue any such activities; however, you are advised to report the status of those discussions or actions in your response to this letter, and to provide a copy of the response to any other parties involved in those discussions or actions.

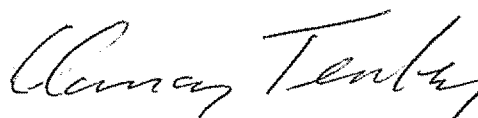
Your response should be made in writing and submitted to EPA within thirty (30) days of receipt of this letter. Your response should be directed to:

Randy Nattis (SFD-9-2)
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region IX
75 Hawthorne Street
San Francisco, CA 94105

Please direct any technical questions with respect to the Site to the Federal On Scene Coordinator ("OSC") Randy Nattis at (415) 972-3053, or you may email him at nattis.randy@epa.gov. Please direct any legal questions to EPA Assistant Regional Counsel Sarah Mueller at (415) 972-3953 or you may email her at mueller.sarah@epa.gov.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Clancy Tenley, Assistant Director
Partnerships, Land Revitalization & Cleanup Branch
Superfund Division

cc: Dave Taylor, Navajo Nation Department of Justice
Pamela Travis, EPA Assistant Regional Counsel, EPA Region VI
Warren Zehner, Federal On Scene Coordinator, EPA Region VI

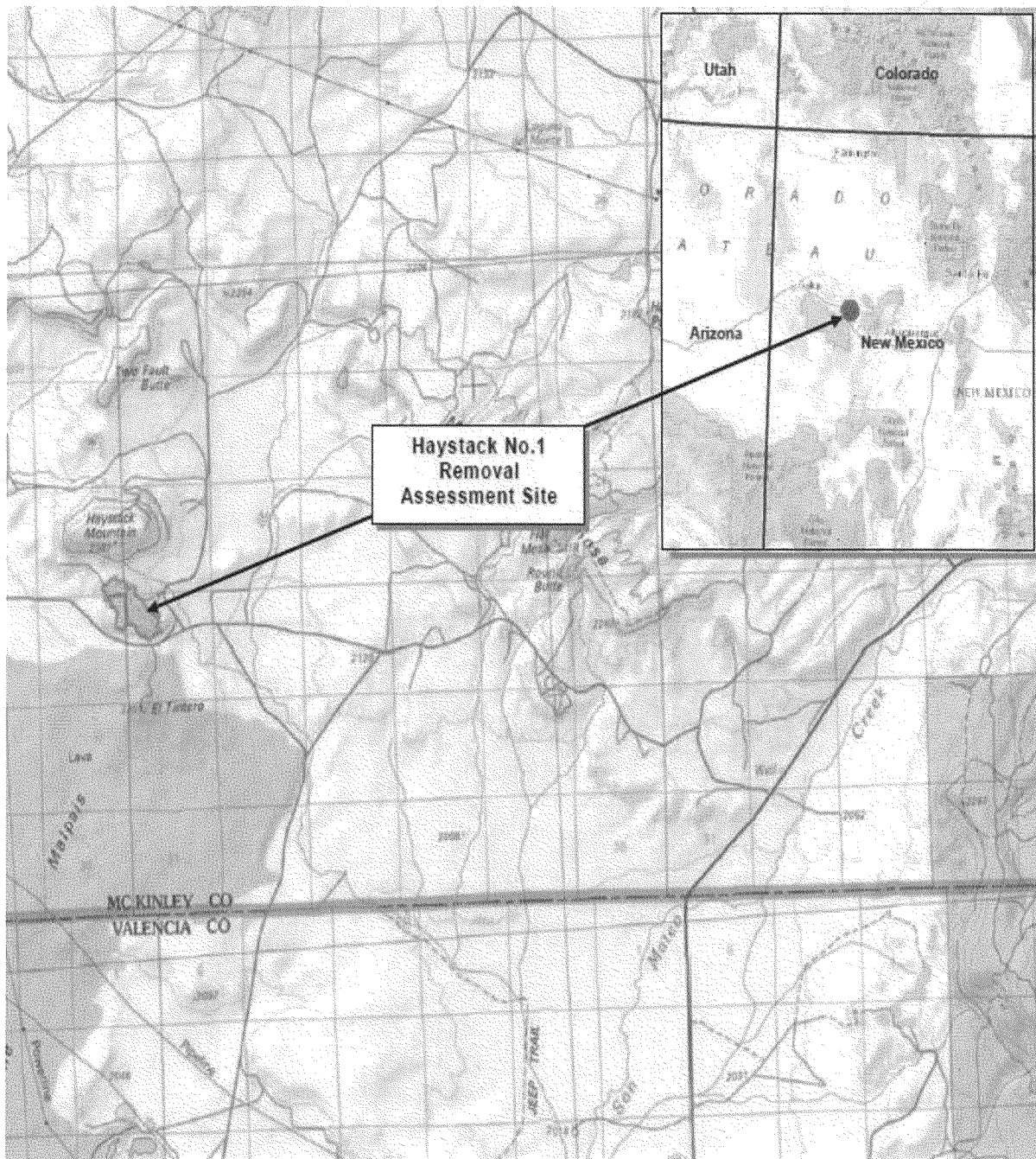
Attachments:

1. Map
2. Atomic Energy Commission (AEC) ore production records (1948 – 1965)
3. EPA Administrative Order 91-16. July 1991
4. Site Screen Report, Haystack No.1 - AUM Site, Weston Solutions, Inc. May 2009

Attachment 1

Map

Map



Attachment 2

Atomic Energy Commission (AEC) Ore Production Records

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BY CONTROLLER AND PROPERTY IN STATE AND COUNTY
FOR CALENDAR YEARS 1948 THRU 1953

STATE	COUNTY	CONTROLLER	PROPERTY	TONS ORE	POUNDS U308	POUNDS V205	POUNDS V205	TONS U308	TONS U308
NEW MEXICO									
		ELKINS JOSEPHINE	SILVER SPUR 5 SEC3 <i>all 52</i>	32.35	93.32	183.70	.28	.04	.04
			TOTAL	32.35	93.32	183.70	.28	.04	.04
		ELKINS JOSEPHINE	ELKINS GROUP	11.45	25.19	29.77	.13	.01	.01
			TOTAL	11.45	25.19	29.77	.13	.01	.01
		FOUTZ MINING CO	FOUTZ 1	194.39	1,280.77	2,509.55	.65	.64	.64
			FOUTZ 2	166.99	715.05	1,956.62	.59	.35	.35
			FOUTZ 3 Y J	360.66	648.71	1,970.62	.28	.32	.32
			TOTAL	712.06	2,644.53	6,436.79	.45	1.32	1.32
		GREER W A	SILVER SPUR 5 SEC3 <i>53</i>	19.14	42.11	42.11	.11	.02	.02
			TOTAL	19.14	42.11	42.11	.11	.02	.02
		HAGENS FITZHUGH	RED CAP GROUP	127.22	282.95	485.67	.19	.14	.14
			SEC 28 BECENT1 <i>53</i>	78.41	243.99	483.61	.30	.12	.12
			TOTAL	205.63	526.94	969.28	.23	.26	.26
		HANDSH MINES	FOUTZ 1	129.94	563.39	166.11	.06	.28	.28
			SEC 26 NEQ	3,649.79	23,604.67	8,009.52	.12	11.80	11.80
			TOTAL	3,779.73	24,168.06	8,175.63	.12	12.08	12.08
		HAYSTACK MT DEVE	SEC 19 NW 13 10 H/B	7,492.00	35,982.00			17.99	17.99
			SEC 19 SEC 13 9 PC	22,256.00	111,280.00			55.64	55.64
			SEC 31 1/4 9W NW 10	772.50	3,479.14	2,831.27	.18	1.73	1.73
			TOTAL	30,520.50	150,741.14	2,831.27	.18	75.37	75.37
		HENRY ANDREWS	ALTA SEC 5 + 6	12.75	135.16	145.36	.57	.06	.06
			TOTAL	12.75	135.16	145.36	.57	.06	.06
		MAUDOX + TEAGUE	BILLY THE KID	357.83	972.43	1,635.69	.23	.48	.48
			TOTAL	357.83	972.43	1,635.69	.23	.48	.48
		MANOL F O	SEC 30 WH SWQ	9,296.95	55,671.78	37,623.78	.20	27.83	27.83
			TOTAL	9,296.95	55,671.78	37,623.78	.20	27.83	27.83

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BY CONTROLLER AND PROPERTY IN STATE AND COUNTY
FOR CALENDAR YEAR 1954

STATE	COUNTY	CONTROLLER	PROPERTY	TONS DRE	POUNDS U308	ZU308	POUNDS V205	ZV205	TONS U308
NEW MEXICO									
		ANACONDA COMPANY							
			ALTA	545.03	4,718.07	.43	3,133.17	.29	2.35
			EVELYN	1,222.21	7,575.01	.31	10,983.41	.45	3.78
			FRANCIS	20.12	134.96	.24	269.92	.48	.06
			FRANCIS 11	97.69	492.92	.25	921.47	.47	.24
			TOTAL	1,893.05	12,920.96	.34	15,307.97	.40	6.46
		BERRYHILL ELKINS							
			LOST MINE	9.75	3.90	.02	3.90	.02	
			TOTAL	9.75	3.90	.02	3.90	.02	
		BROWN + WALLACE							
			SEC 24 13N 11W	54.57	70.91	.06	102.55	.09	.03
			TOTAL	54.57	70.91	.06	102.55	.09	.03
		CONTINENTAL DIVI							
			BILLY THE KID	99.92	214.55	.11	471.62	.24	.10
			TOTAL	99.92	214.55	.11	471.62	.24	.10
		DAKOTA MINING CO							
			PAT SEC 4 13N 10W	22.65	54.83	.12	94.76	.21	.02
			TOTAL	22.65	54.83	.12	94.76	.21	.02
		FARRIS MINES INC							
			LAWRENCE ELKINS	18.35	29.36	.08	69.72	.19	.01
			TOTAL	18.35	29.36	.08	69.72	.19	.01
		FOUTZ MINING CO							
			FOUTZ 2	74.96	329.95	.22	920.62	.61	.16
			FOUTZ 3 Y J	364.77	1,087.67	.15	1,987.26	.27	.54
			SANTA FE 3YJ	15.44	138.97	.45	160.59	.52	.06
			TOTAL	455.17	1,556.59	.17	3,068.47	.34	.77
		GENERAL URAN MNG							
			DIAMOND 2	242.66	858.58	.18	481.89	.10	.42
			TOTAL	242.66	858.58	.18	481.89	.10	.42
		HANDSH MINES INC							
			SEC 26 NEQ	4,548.70	37,677.09	.41	5,259.03	.06	18.83
			TOTAL	4,548.70	37,677.09	.41	5,259.03	.06	18.83
		HAYSTACK HT DIVE							
			SEC 19NWQ 13 1J	35,031.61	155,727.59	.22	151,046.09	.22	77.86

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BY CONTROLLER AND PROPERTY IN STATE AND COUNTY
FOR CALENDAR YEAR 1954

STATE	COUNTY	CONTROLLER	PROPERTY	TONS ORE	POUNDS U308	%U308	POUNDS V205	%V205	TONS U308
NEW MEXICO									
			SEC 19 SEC 13 9	34,555.27	180,990.49	.26	101,726.79	.15	90.49
			SEC 19 SEC 13 9	2,904.95	12,706.27	.22	11,364.43	.20	6.35
			SEC 31 16 9W NHOH	3,189.21	16,151.81	.25	18,796.90	.29	8.07
			TOTAL	75,681.04	365,576.16	.24	282,934.21	.19	102.78
		JACKPOT OIL CO							
			TON ELKINS	28.51	96.94	.17	131.16	.23	.04
			TOTAL	28.51	96.94	.17	131.16	.23	.04
		LEA EXPL CORP							
			NLSA TOP 18	682.32	4,657.60	.34	3,190.58	.23	2.32
			TOTAL	682.32	4,657.60	.34	3,190.58	.23	2.32
		HANDL F O							
			SEC 30 4H SWQ	6,160.42	41,727.36	.34	13,653.82	.11	20.86
			TOTAL	6,160.42	41,727.36	.34	13,653.82	.11	20.86
		MUNSON + SKULT							
			RIMROCK	41.05	76.35	.09	184.74	.23	.03
			TOTAL	41.05	76.35	.09	184.74	.23	.03
		SHAW R K							
			SEC 16	360.46	837.32	.12	515.10	.07	.41
			TOTAL	360.46	837.32	.12	515.10	.07	.41
		TUCKER HYDE DAVE							
			BECENTI	20.97	55.86	.13	29.55	.07	.02
			HOGBACK 3	178.95	613.16	.17	101.54	.03	.30
			TOTAL	199.92	669.02	.17	131.09	.03	.33
		WILLIAMS+REYNOLD							
			U NINE	668.16	2,289.43	.17	975.83	.07	1.14
			TOTAL	668.16	2,289.43	.17	975.83	.07	1.14
		WILLIAMS GLEN O							
			SEC 24 13N 11W	8,786.04	38,913.49	.22	33,904.27	.19	19.45
			TOTAL	8,786.04	38,913.49	.22	33,904.27	.19	19.45
		MCKINLEY COUNTY TOTAL		99,946.94	508,230.44	.25	368,480.71	.18	254.11

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BY CONTROLLER AND PROPERTY IN STATE AND COUNTY
FOR CALENDAR YEAR 1975

STATE	COUNTY	CONTROLLER	PROPERTY	TONS	GRE	POUNDS	U308	%U308	POUNDS	V205	%V205	TONS	U308
NEW MEXICO		HAWKINS KELLY+B											
			BAPANE SEC 25 R14W	5.23		35.06	.19		3.69	.02			.01
			TOTAL	5.23		35.06	.19		3.69	.02			.01
		HIDALGO COUNTY TOTAL		5.23		35.06	.19		3.69	.02			.01
	MCKINLEY	ANACONDA COMPANY											
			ALTA	523.60		8,597.03	.52		7,163.48	.43			4.29
			EVELYN	225.21		918.71	.20		1,644.64	.37			.45
			TOTAL	1,348.81		9,515.74	.45		8,808.12	.42			4.75
		BROWN + WALLACE											
			BLUE PEAK	35.25		79.74	.12		79.74	.12			.03
			TOTAL	35.25		79.74	.12		79.74	.12			.03
		FIELDS GEORGE H											
			SILVER BIT	154.07		2,103.51	.54		2,840.97	.73			1.05
			TOTAL	154.07		2,103.51	.54		2,840.97	.73			1.05
		FOUTZ MINJAC CO											
			FOUTZ 3 Y J	1,681.50		6,680.23	.20		6,347.75	.25			3.34
			TOTAL	1,681.50		6,680.23	.20		6,347.75	.25			3.34
		FRONTIER URANIUM											
			U MINE	542.64		2,194.83	.20		949.81	.09			1.09
			TOTAL	542.64		2,194.83	.20		949.81	.09			1.09
		GENERAL URANIUM											
			DIAMOND 2	2,059.08		7,346.71	.18		5,785.20	.09			3.67
			TOTAL	2,059.08		7,346.71	.18		5,785.20	.09			3.67
		GREENE FLOYD											
			UNIDENTIFIED	.80		.06			.16	.01			
			TOTAL	.80		.06			.16	.01			
		HANOSH MINES INC											
			SEC 26 NEG	2,194.04		18,169.23	.41		3,262.40	.07			9.08
			TOTAL	2,194.04		18,169.23	.41		3,262.40	.07			9.08
		HAYSTACK MT DEVE											

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BY CONTROLLER AND PROPERTY IN STATE AND COUNTY

FOR CALENDAR YEAR 1952

STATE	COUNTY	CONTROLLER	PROPERTY	TONS ORE	POUNDS U2O5	POUNDS V2O5	TONS U3O8
NEW MEXICO							
			SEC 19 NW 13 10 ✓	54,688.00	284,885.00		102.44
			SEC 19 SE 15 9	32,917.00	179,193.00		69.59
			SEC 2 13 10 SEC	7,183.45	24,497.51		12.24
			TOTAL	94,788.45	408,575.50		204.28
		HOLLY CORPORATE					
			PLAT TOP VIL HYDE4	6,094.11	31,360.25		15.68
			SILVER SPUR SEC	282.09	1,317.68		16.85
			TOTAL	6,286.20	32,677.93		16.33
		HYDE URANIUM CO					
			HEGEACK 4	25.54	374.31		.18
			TOTAL	18.94	374.31		.18
		LARGO URANIUM CO					
			DIAPOND 2	51.87	96.93		.04
			TOTAL	4.67	96.93		.04
		LEA EXPL CORP					
			NESA TOP MINE	18,025.65	90,397.56		45.19
			TOTAL	18,025.65	90,397.56		45.19
		MANGE F O					
			SEC 31 NW SEC	4,940.94	38,890.72		19.34
			TOTAL	4,940.94	38,890.72		19.34
		MC ELVAIN BROS					
			RED POINT LOSE	84.92	292.06		.14
			TOTAL	34.75	292.06		.14
		MUNSON + SKULT					
			SEC 36 13N 14W	275.62	734.04		.36
			TOTAL	275.62	734.04		.36
		RED TOP URAN MIN					
			RED TOP + 2	161.82	389.82		.19
			TOTAL	165.52	369.82		.19
		SANTA FE URAN CO					
			SEC 14 SW	84.34	827.21		.41
			SEC 24 13N 14W	4,515.77	21,495.25		10.74
			TOTAL	4,864.11	22,322.46		11.16
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BY CONTROLLER AND PROPERTY IN STATE AND COUNTY
FOR CALENDAR YEAR 1957

STATE	COUNTY	CONTROLLER	PROPERTY	TONS ORE	POUNDS U308	ZU308	POUNDS V205	ZV205	TONS U308
NEW MEXICO		DAKOTA MINING CO	TOTAL	486.99	1,544.07	.16	693.94	.10	.77
			PAT SEC 4 13N 10W	7.56	25.71	.17	29.00	.19	.01
			TOTAL	7.56	25.71	.17	29.00	.19	.01
		FEBCO MINES	SILVER SPUR 5 SEC3	1,713.25	10,638.76	.31	3,334.00	.27	5.31
			TOTAL	1,713.25	10,638.76	.31	3,334.00	.27	5.31
		FEDERAL URAN COR	SEC 18 SWQ	2,770.89	9,687.94	.17	10,483.41	.19	4.84
			SEC 24 13N 11W NEQ	868.43	5,200.82	.30	3,212.08	.18	2.60
			TOTAL	3,639.32	14,888.76	.20	13,695.49	.19	7.44
		FLAT TOP MINING	FLAT TOP VIL HYDE4	418.03	1,372.17	.16	566.63	.07	.68
			TOTAL	418.03	1,372.17	.16	566.63	.07	.68
		FOUR CORNERS EXP	DOG GROUP	1,469.69	7,446.73	.25			3.72
			TOTAL	1,469.69	7,446.73	.25			3.72
		HANOSH MINES INC	SEC 26 NEQ	717.28	4,300.83	.30	987.25	.07	2.15
			TOTAL	717.28	4,300.83	.30	987.25	.07	2.15
		HAYSTACK MT DEVE	SEC 19NWQ 13 10	10,110.00	44,767.00	.22			22.38
			SEC 19 SEQ 13 9	21,884.00	82,005.00	.19			41.00
			SEC 23 10N 13W	8,589.69	37,852.78	.34	10,256.11	.06	28.92
			SEC 25 13 10 SEQ	16,004.17	74,443.34	.23	28,970.44	.09	37.22
			TOTAL	56,267.86	259,068.12	.23	39,226.55	.08	129.55
		HOLLY CORPORATION	BUCKY	3,795.88	36,713.55	.48	239.90	.15	18.35
			FLAT TOP VIL HYDE4	4,795.29	25,425.52	.27	5,111.55	.05	12.71
			MESA TOP MINE	43.62	305.32	.35	191.91	.22	.15
			TOTAL	8,634.79	62,444.39	.36	5,543.36	.06	31.22
		KERMAC NUCLEAR F	SEC 10	38.55	161.91	.21			.08
			TOTAL	38.55	161.91	.21			.08
		LARGO URANIUM CO							

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BY CONTROLLER AND PROPERTY IN STATE AND COUNTY
FOR CALENDAR YEAR 1958

STATE	COUNTY	CONTROLLER	PROPERTY	TONS ORE	POUNDS U308	ZU308	POUNDS V205	XV205	TONS U308
NEW MEXICO			TOTAL	76,143.91	404,230.69	.27	603.08	.04	202.16
		CHENA MINING INC							
			— PIMROCK	39.59	102.94	.13			.05
			TOTAL	39.59	102.94	.13			.05
		DALCO URANIUM INC							
			— DALCO 1 SEC 30	11,416.85	44,305.09	.19			22.15
			TOTAL	11,416.85	44,305.09	.19			22.15
		FEBCO MINES							
			— SILVER SPUR 5 SEC3	1,821.50	9,180.07	.25	6,367.40	.26	4.59
			TOTAL	1,821.50	9,180.07	.25	6,367.40	.26	4.59
		FEDERAL URAN COR							
			— SEC 18 SWO	6,590.62	39,613.47	.23			19.80
			TOTAL	6,590.62	39,613.47	.23			19.80
		FLAT TOP MINING							
			— FLAT TOP VII HYDE4	772.72	3,354.13	.22			1.67
			— FLAT TOP 1 SEC 30	767.95	3,603.25	.23			1.80
			— FLAT TOP 3	424.05	2,035.44	.24			1.01
			TOTAL	1,964.72	8,992.82	.23			4.49
		FOUR CORNERS EXP							
			— DDG 1	1,077.20	5,170.20	.29			3.08
			— DDG 15 SEC 20	2,001.32	9,919.33	.25			4.95
			— EAST MALPAIS 14	9,127.15	46,991.46	.26			23.49
			— MALPAIS	2,480.39	12,332.55	.25			6.16
			TOTAL	14,686.06	75,413.66	.26			37.70
		HAYSTACK FTR DEV							
			— SECTION 13 13N 11W	275.76	773.98	.14			.38
			— SEC 19 SEC 13 9	16,851.03	87,039.74	.26	42,711.31	.17	43.51
			— SEC 23 PLOW 113N	7,314.43	42,551.57	.29			21.27
		— SEC 24 SEC 113N 10	13,776.16	61,993.88	.23			30.99	
		— SEC 31 NWQ 13N 9W	5,266.93	31,955.53	.29			15.97	
		TOTAL	43,784.31	224,314.70	.26	42,711.31	.17	112.15	
	HOLLY COPPERATIC								
		— BUCKY	15,002.34	72,932.67	.24			36.46	
		— JEEP 6	524.88	2,590.74	.25			1.29	
		— MALPAIS	3,541.75	21,278.74	.30			10.63	
		— MESA TOP MINE	9,942.29	47,450.43	.24			23.72	

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STATE	COUNTY	CONTROLLER	PROPERTY	TONS ORE	POUNDS U308	%U308	POUNDS V205	%V205	TONS U308
NEW MEXICO									
	MCKINLEY								
			TOTAL	12,559.92	48,335.16	.19			24.16
			FARRIS MINING CO						
			BLUE PEAK	1,918.82	5,526.57	.14			2.76
			GARCIA CLAIMS	874.99	2,674.18	.16			1.43
			TOTAL	2,793.81	8,400.75	.15			4.20
			FEBCO MINES						
			SILVER SPUR 5 SEC3	743.32	2,646.06	.18	1,582.07	.22	1.32
			TOTAL	743.32	2,646.06	.18	1,582.07	.22	1.32
			FEDERAL URAN COR						
			SEC 10 SWQ	1,489.47	5,921.11	.20			2.96
			TOTAL	1,489.47	5,921.11	.20			2.96
			FERRIS MINING CO						
			BLUE PEAK	956.90	2,744.65	.14			1.37
			TOTAL	956.90	2,744.65	.14			1.37
			FLAT TOP MINING						
			FLAT TOP VIL HYDE4	1,568.56	6,906.22	.22			3.45
			FLAT TOP 1 SEC 30	508.46	2,745.71	.27			1.37
			FLAT TOP 3	1,808.28	9,146.97	.25			4.57
			TOTAL	3,885.30	18,798.90	.24			9.39
			FOUR CORNERS EXP						
			DOG 5	13,726.47	62,837.31	.23			31.41
			EAST MALPAIS 14	10,077.95	45,213.60	.22			22.60
			HOGAN MINE SEC 14	29,384.43	176,821.92	.30			68.41
			TOTAL	53,190.83	284,872.83	.27			142.43
			HAYSTACK MT DEVE						
			SEC 19NW 13 1J	2,179.63	10,017.97	.23			5.00
			SFC 19 SEC 13 9	8,863.20	43,255.62	.24	16,846.58	.19	21.62
			SEC 25 13 10 SEC	30,413.37	143,491.86	.24			71.74
			TOTAL	41,456.20	196,765.45	.24	16,846.58	.19	98.38
			HOMESTAKE NEW ME						
			SEC 32	67,975.09	278,755.95	.21			139.37

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FOR CALENDAR YEAR 1960

STATE	COUNTY	CONTROLLER	PROPERTY	TONS DRE	POUNDS U308	ZU308	POUNDS V205	ZV205	TONS U308
NEW MEXICO									
			SEC 33 14N 9W	51,850.01	218,274.75	.21			109.13
			TOTAL	201,442.34	776,296.72	.19			388.14
		BIRD ARTHUR							
			HAYSTACK 2	1,808.08	7,760.75	.22			3.89
			TOTAL	1,808.08	7,760.75	.22			3.89
		BOYLES BROS DRIL							
			MARY J	18,918.96	54,275.70	.14			27.13
			TOTAL	18,918.96	54,275.70	.14			27.13
		CALUMET + PECLA							
			MARQUEZ	138,467.63	657,674.03	.24			320.83
			TOTAL	138,467.63	657,674.03	.24			320.83
		DALCO URANIUM IN							
			BARBANA J 1	5,939.30	22,668.44	.19			11.33
			WHITE CAP	240.29	672.81	.14			.33
			TOTAL	6,179.59	23,341.25	.19			11.67
		FARRIS MINING CO							
			BLUE PEAK	127.87	539.62	.21			.26
			POISON CANYON	10,627.76	33,439.42	.16			16.71
			SECTION 6 14N 11W	273.39	1,416.35	.26			.70
			TOTAL	11,029.02	35,395.39	.16			17.69
		FEBCO MINES							
			RIALTO MINE	3,451.50	12,513.25	.18			6.25
			TOTAL	3,451.50	12,513.25	.18			6.25
		FOUR CORNERS EXP							
			DUG MINE	4,354.66	17,707.10	.20			8.85
			EAST MALPAIS	7,600.06	30,566.17	.20			15.28
			HOGAN MINE SEC 14	45,542.51	195,781.34	.21			97.89
			TOTAL	57,497.23	244,054.61	.21			122.02
		FOUR CORNERS EXP							
			DUG 15 SEC 20	570.00	1,881.00	.17			.94
			EAST MALPAIS 14	1,046.88	4,713.96	.23			2.35
			HOGAN MINE SEC 14	6,141.80	25,975.91	.21			12.98
			TOTAL	7,758.68	32,570.87	.21			16.28
		HAYSTACK MT DEVE							
			SEC 19NW 13 10	8,853.13	32,748.59	.19			16.39

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FOR CALENDAR YEAR 1960

STATE	COUNTY	CONTROLLER	PROPERTY	TONS ORE	POUNDS U308	POUNDS V205	POUNDS U308	TONS U308	
NEW MEXICO			SEC 19NEQ 13 9	1,064.18	4,332.88			2.16	
			SEC 25 SEC 11N 10	33,213.12	126,338.42			78.16	
			TOTAL	43,132.43	193,499.89			96.72	
			HOMESTAKE NEW HE						
			SECTION 32	67,368.54	267,627.14			133.81	
			TOTAL	67,368.54	267,627.14			133.81	
			HOMESTAKE MINING						
			BLACK JACK 1	749.24	3,371.29			1.68	
			BLACK JACK 2	12,765.24	60,250.33			30.12	
			TOTAL	13,514.52	63,621.62			31.81	
			SECTION 15 T14 R10	148,954.56	485,124.54			242.56	
			SECTION 23 14N 10W	182,771.38	703,077.03			351.53	
			SECTION 25 14N 10W	107,110.40	420,860.78			210.43	
			TOTAL	438,836.34	1,609,062.35			804.53	
			K S N CO INC						
			BEACON HILL MINE	3,063.18	8,377.22			4.18	
			FAITH SEC 29 13N 9	2,442.58	14,385.24			7.19	
			SEC 21 13 9 DDRIE	2,687.13	10,364.84			5.18	
			TOTAL	8,172.89	33,127.30			16.56	
						SECTION 10	12,114.71	49,477.67	
SEC 17 14N 9W SH	74,189.52	339,837.59						169.91	
SECTION 22 14N 10W	308,357.44	1,330,132.12						665.06	
SEC 24 14N 10W	218,702.11	904,699.42						452.34	
SECTION 30 14N 9W	334,266.96	1,696,591.53						848.29	
SECTION 32 14N 11W	2,978.55	15,545.88						7.77	
SEC 33 12N 11W	954.97	4,231.46						2.11	
TOTAL	951,604.30	4,340,515.67						2,170.25	
LANCE CORPORATION									
BLACK JACK 1	170,472.96	810,976.19						405.48	
BLACK JACK 2	34,703.80	172,853.04			86.42				
TOTAL	205,176.56	983,829.23			491.91				
			BARBARA J GROUP	15,635.39	79,563.41			39.78	
			BARBARA J I	7,537.63	32,035.14			16.01	
			SEC 11 14N 10W SH	67,662.33	280,907.82			149.45	

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FOR CALENDAR YEAR 1961

STATE	COUNTY	CONTROLLER	PROPERTY	TONS DRF	POUNDS U308	POUNDS V205	POUNDS V205	TONS U308
NEW MEXICO								
F&BCO MINES								
			POISON CANYON	17,153.94	53,845.88	.16		26.92
			TOTAL	17,153.94	53,845.88	.16		26.92
F&BCO CHILL MILLS								
			TOTAL	937.43	2,455.80	.13		1.22
FOUR CORNERS EXP								
			DOG MINE	4,121.35	16,357.01	.20		8.17
			HOGAN MINE SEC 14	40,397.98	220,331.70	.27		110.16
			TOTAL	44,519.33	236,688.71	.27		118.34
HAYSTACK MTN DEV								
			SECTION 12 13N 11W	866.41	2,056.48	.12		1.02
			SEC 19NW 13 10 11W	4,229.82	16,015.14	.19		8.00
			SEC 22 SEC 13N 10	14,524.25	61,837.00	.21		30.91
			SEC 31 NW 13N 9W	2,564.78	13,292.51	.26		6.64
			TOTAL	22,238.26	93,201.13	.21		46.60
HOMESTAKE NEW ME								
			SECTION 32	51,841.25	191,453.62	.18		95.72
			TOTAL	51,841.25	191,453.62	.18		95.72
HOMESTAKE MINING								
			BLACK JACK 1	39,783.02	208,216.39	.26		104.10
			BLACK JACK 2	8,295.18	35,743.86	.22		17.87
			TOTAL	47,998.20	243,960.07	.25		121.98
HOMESTAKE SAPIN								
			BLACK JACK 1	23,384.27	97,062.86	.21		48.53
			BLACK JACK 2	2,813.34	11,886.59	.21		5.84
			BOYSART SHAFT 1	11,760.96	39,205.22	.17		10.60
			BOYSART 2	13,369.63	46,869.47	.18		23.43
			SECTION 15 T14 R1C	62,769.46	232,946.60	.19		118.47
			SECTION 23 14N 10W	216,513.10	900,904.51	.21		450.45
			SECTION 25 14N 10W	113,849.34	450,120.75	.20		225.06
			SECTION 32 14N 9W	4,888.22	13,991.00	.17		6.99
			TOTAL	447,748.32	1,792,787.00	.20		896.39
HYDE + COSEFF								
			SEC 8 13N 9W	102.20	310.68	.15		.15
			TOTAL	102.20	310.68	.15		.15
K S N CO INC								

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FOR CALENDAR YEAR 1963

STATE	COUNTY	CONTROLLER	PROPERTY	TONS ORE	POUNDS U306	ZU308	POUNDS U205	ZV205	TONS U308
NEW MEXICO	MCKINLEY	BAILEY + FIFE	FLAT TOP MINE HYDE4	2,268.53	9,435.55	.21			4.71
			SEC 30 WH SWQ	898.09	4,120.25	.23			2.06
			TOTAL	3,156.62	13,555.80	.21			6.77
		CALUMET + HECLA	MARQUEZ	104,984.61	525,470.53	.25			264.73
			TOTAL	104,984.61	525,470.53	.25			264.73
		DYSART STELLA	SEC 12 14N 10W	38,910.25	111,320.35	.14			55.66
			TOTAL	38,910.25	111,320.35	.14			55.66
		ENTRADA CORP	SEC 11 14N 10W NWQ	46,419.89	96,685.46	.10			48.34
			TOTAL	46,419.89	96,685.46	.10			48.34
		FARRIS MINES	BEACON HILL MINE	2,958.99	7,539.06	.13			3.76
	SECTION 4	148.19	367.01	.12			.18		
	SECTION 25 13 10	4,898.53	26,717.00	.27			13.35		
	TOTAL	8,006.71	34,623.07	.22			17.31		
FEBCO MINES	FEBCO CHILL WILLS	513.00	1,607.88	.16			.80		
	TOTAL	513.00	1,607.88	.16			.80		
FOUR CORNERS EXF	DCG MINE	24,755.49	87,425.35	.18			43.71		
	TOTAL	24,755.49	87,425.35	.18			43.71		
HAYSTACK MT DEVE	SEC 19NWQ 13 10	1,813.63	7,726.80	.21			3.86		
	TOTAL	1,813.63	7,726.80	.21			3.86		
HOMESTAKE SAPIN	BLACK JACK 1	159,237.55	799,597.37	.25			399.79		
	BLACK JACK 2	40,040.98	185,105.85	.23			92.55		
	MINE WATER PRODUCT	5,810.00	5,810.00	.17			2.90		
	SECTION 15 T14 R10	43,426.27	145,609.58	.17			72.80		

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BY CONTROLLER AND PROPERTY IN STATE AND COUNTY
FOR CALENDAR YEAR 1964

STATE	COUNTY	CONTROLLER	PROPERTY	TONS	ORE	POUNDS U208	XU308	POUNDS V205	ZV205	TONS U308
NEW MEXICO		GARCIA LEE	DOG MINE	27,519.10		89,989.18	.16			44.99
		TOTAL		27,519.10		89,989.18	.16			44.99
			BLUE PEAK	90.96		154.64	.09			.07
		TOTAL		90.96		154.64	.09			.07
		HAYSTACK MT DEVL	SEC 19NWQ 13 10 ✓	760.00		3,088.00	.20			1.54
		TOTAL		760.00		3,088.00	.20			1.54
		HONESTAKE SAPIN	BLACK JACK 1	114,510.40		534,090.13	.23			267.04
			BLACK JACK 2	69,278.63		306,767.88	.22			153.38
			MARY 1 (DYSART 3)	35,922.50		51,902.35	.07			25.95
			MINE WATER PRODUCT	24,932.00		24,932.00				12.46
			SEC 10 14N 10W	2,321.88		2,879.14	.06			1.43
			SEC 15 14N 10W	14,658.51		50,306.72	.17			25.15
			SEC 23 14N 10W	170,052.80		676,630.81	.20			338.31
			SEC 25 14N 10W	167,951.50		683,817.95	.20			341.90
			SEC 32 14N 9W	4,177.80		14,898.92	.18			7.44
		TOTAL		578,872.02		2,346,225.70	.20			1,173.11
		KERNAC NUCLEAR F	IX CIRCUIT GRANTS	38,717.00		38,717.00				19.35
			SEC 22 14N 10W	192,351.44		767,414.11	.20			383.70
			SEC 24 14N 10W	107,174.19		444,101.23	.21			222.05
			SEC 29 14N 9W	51,966.06		242,882.58	.23			121.40
			SEC 30 14N 9W	187,614.85		1,222,595.39	.33			611.29
			SEC 33 14 9 BRANSO	54,921.12		200,453.95	.18			100.22
		TOTAL		594,021.66		2,916,084.26	.25			1,458.04
		KERR MC GEE OIL	SEC 17	28,811.00		116,127.00	.20			58.06
			SEC 20 14N 9W	59,264.00		253,767.00	.21			126.88
		TOTAL		88,075.00		369,894.00	.21			184.94
		MESA MINING CO	SEC 18 SWQ 13N 10W	2,152.82		6,452.06	.15			3.22
		TOTAL		2,152.82		6,452.06	.15			3.22
		MID CONTINENT UP	BARBARA J 2	3,569.00		14,851.00	.21			7.42
		TOTAL		3,569.00		14,851.00	.21			7.42

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STATE	COUNTY	CONTROLLER	PROPERTY	TONS ORE	POUNDS U308	%U308	POUNDS V205	%V205	TONS U308
NEVADA									
	LANDER								
			TOTAL	1,993.23	7,054.71	.18			3.52
			LANDER COUNTY TOTAL	1,993.23	7,054.71	.18			3.52
			NEVADA STATE TOTAL	1,993.23	7,054.71	.18			3.52
NEW MEXICO									
	MCKINLEY								
		A + B MINING CO							
			LARGO	1,791.39	8,318.71	.23	63.00		4.15
			MIKE SMITH LEASE	1,730.29	7,478.95	.22	3,392.00	.10	3.73
			TOTAL	3,521.68	15,797.66	.22	3,415.00	.05	7.89
		BAILEY + FIFE							
			FLAT TOP VIL HYDE4	2,938.86	10,059.62	.17			5.02
			FLAT TOP 3	473.00	1,453.87	.15			.72
			SEC 30 NW SWQ	335.47	1,214.41	.18			.60
			TOTAL	3,747.33	12,727.90	.17			6.36
		FARRIS MINES							
			SECTION 25 13 10	14,150.50	56,710.62	.20			28.35
			TOTAL	14,150.50	56,710.62	.20			28.35
		FOUR CORNERS EXP							
			DOG MINE	27,863.65	91,433.10	.16			45.71
			TOTAL	27,863.65	91,433.10	.16			45.71
		HAYSTACK MT DEVE							
			SEC 19NWQ 13 10 ✓	616.32	2,526.80	.21			1.26
			SEC 23 R10W T13N	1,152.07	7,381.04	.32			3.69
			TOTAL	1,768.39	9,907.84	.28			4.95
		HOMESTAKE SAPIN							

Attachment 3

EPA Administrative Order 91-16
July 1991

IN THE MATTER OF:

Order No. 91-16

Approximately 640 Acres
of Land Located in
Section 19, Township 13N,
Range 10W of the Bluewater USGS
Quadrangle (A Portion of the
Bluewater Uranium Mining Sites)

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
PURSUANT TO SECTION 106
OF THE COMPREHENSIVE
ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSE,
COMPENSATION, AND
LIABILITY ACT OF 1980
as amended, 42 U.S.C.
Section 9606(a)

Respondents:

The Cerrillos Land Company, the Santa Fe Pacific Railroad Company, and the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway Company

This Administrative Order (Order) is issued on this date to

the above-referenced Respondents, pursuant to the authority vested in the President of the United States by Section 106(a) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980, 42 U.S.C. Section 9606(a), as amended by the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986, Pub. L. 99-499 (CERCLA), delegated to the Administrator of the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) by Executive Order No. 12580, January 23, 1987, 52 Federal Register 2923, further delegated to the EPA Regional Administrators by U.S. EPA Delegation Nos. 14-14-A and 14-14-B, and further redelegated to the Director, Hazardous Waste Management Division, by Region IX Delegations 1290.41 and 1290.42.

1 The State of New Mexico and the Navajo Nation have been
2 notified of the issuance of this Order as required by Section
3 106(a) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. Section 9606(a).

4 This Order requires the Respondents to undertake and com-
5 plete removal activities to abate an imminent and substantial
6 endangerment to the public health or welfare or the environment
7 that may be presented by the actual or threatened release of
8 hazardous substances from the above-referenced Site.

9 **II. FINDINGS OF FACT**

10 Based on available information, including the Administrative
11 Record established in this matter, the U.S. EPA hereby finds:

12 **A. Site Description/Location**

13 The Bluewater Uranium Mining Sites consist of two nearby
14 abandoned mining areas, the Brown-Vandever-Nanabah Mining Sites
15 and the Navajo Desiderio Mine, which are located in the central
16 portion of western New Mexico. The Brown-Vandever-Nanabah Mining
17 Sites are located on four parcels of land, which include two In-
18 dian Allotment parcels, one Federal parcel administered by the
19 Department of Energy, and one privately owned parcel. All of
20 these parcels lie within the Bluewater U.S. Geological Survey
21 (USGS) Quadrangle.

22 The privately owned parcel of land which constitutes one of
23 the four parcels at the Brown-Vandever-Nanabah Mining Sites, as
24 indicated above, is the subject of this Administrative Order is-
25 sued by the U.S. EPA. For ease of reference, the subject parcel
26 will hereinafter be referred to as "the Site" or "the Facility."

27 The Site is located at the foot of Haystack Butte in Section
28 19, Township 13N, Range 10W of the Bluewater Quadrangle, approx-

1 imately five miles west of Prewitt, New Mexico and 15 miles north
2 of Grants, New Mexico. The elevation of the Site varies from
3 6900 to 7100 feet above sea level. Haystack Butte, which lies
4 approximately 1/2 mile to the North of the Site, peaks at 7833
5 feet.

6 The climate at the Site is semi-arid, with an average annual
7 precipitation of approximately 12 inches, occurring mostly in
8 July and August. The average annual wind velocity is 10 mph.

9 No surface water exists on or around the Site. However,
10 small arroyos cut the area with general drainage to the south-
11 east. Groundwater aquifers lie far below any of the previously
12 mined areas at the Site. There is no evidence that the ground-
13 water has been affected, to date, by hazardous substances at the
14 Site.

15 Geology locally consists of exposures of Jurassic Todilto
16 limestone and Entrada sandstone at the northern border of the
17 Site, and Basaltic Malpais to the southeast. Vegetation con-
18 sists of sparse grassland, bounded approximately 1/2 mile to the
19 north of the Site by pinyon-juniper woodlands. Wildlife species
20 in the area are restricted to birds, reptiles, and small mammals
21 characteristic of the pinyon-juniper and grassland habitats.

22 In the past, the land at the Site was used primarily for
23 rangeland grazing and uranium mining. Reports indicate that min-
24 ing operations at the Brown-Vandever-Nanabah Mining Sites were
25 ceased in approximately 1981. Since that time, the land has been
26 utilized primarily for the grazing of sheep and other animals.
27 However, as a result of the previous mining operations at the
28 Site, the topography of the land is still scarred by several

1 large abandoned uranium mine pits. In addition, uranium mine
2 waste, overburden, and piles of protore (low grade uranium ore)
3 remain present on the surface of the land at this time.

4 **B. Site History and Respondents**

5 1. As of 1950, when uranium was first discovered at the Site,
6 the mineral rights to the Site (Section 19, Township 13N, Range
7 10W) were held and controlled by the Santa Fe Pacific Railroad
8 Company (SFPR).

9 2. SFPR owned the mineral rights to the Site for the period
10 from 1951 to the the early 1980's. During this period of time,
11 uranium mining operations were conducted at the Site, as
12 specified in paragraphs 3, 6, 7, 8, 10, and 13 below.

13 3. From November 21, 1950, to September 30, 1952, SFPR con-
14 ducted drilling, sampling, test pitting and other mining opera-
15 tions at the Site.

16 4. According to the Mineral Leasing History and Corporate
17 Chronology attached to a June 18, 1991 letter to EPA from Mr. Tim
18 Leftwich, the Director of Environmental Quality for both the Cer-
19 rillos Land Company (CLC) and the Santa Fe Pacific Minerals Cor-
20 poration (SFPM), the Haystack Mountain Development Company was
21 incorporated on October 15, 1951, as a subsidiary of the
22 Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway.

23 5. From September 30, 1952 to November 30, 1961, SFPR formally
24 leased the mineral rights to the Site to HMDC.

25 6. From September 30, 1952 to November 30, 1961, HMDC conducted
26 mining operations at the Site pursuant to the above-referenced
27 lease.

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1 7. On April 19, 1960, SFPR entered into a separate contract
2 with HMDC for construction work and other work, including the
3 production of uranium ore, at the Site. This contract was ter-
4 minated on December 1, 1961.

5 8. On December 1, 1961, SFPR entered into a similar contract
6 with an individual named Henri T. Dole, for construction work and
7 other work, including mining operations, at the Site. This con-
8 tract remained in effect through December 1, 1967. Information
9 made available to EPA indicates that Henri T. Dole may now be
10 deceased.

11 9. From April 15, 1975 to February 1985, SFPR leased the
12 mineral rights to several portions of the Site to an individual
13 named George Warnock. In this lease agreement, SFPR acknowledged
14 that:

15 a) SFPR was the former owner of the land (including surface
16 rights) at the Site; and

17 b) Although SFPR had previously sold and conveyed its
18 interest in the surface rights to the Site, the company
19 had retained its property interest in the oil, gas, and
20 mineral rights which were associated with that land.

21 10. Pursuant to this lease of Site mineral rights, Mr. Warnock
22 conducted uranium exploration and mining activities at the Site,
23 subject to the payment of both rent and royalties to SFPR, from
24 April 15, 1975 to May 1977.

25 11. In an agreement on May 5, 1977, Mr. Warnock assigned his
26 lease of Site mineral rights to the Todilto Exploration and
27 Development Corporation (TEDC). The Lessor of the Site mineral
28 rights, SFPR, consented to the assignment of the lease to TEDC.

1 12. As evidenced by the signatures on the Assignment of Lease
2 document, George Warnock also served as President of TEDC, and
3 his wife Dorothy served as the Secretary of that company.

4 13. Pursuant to the assignment of the above-referenced lease,
5 TEDC conducted mining operations on a portion of the Site from
6 May 1977 until approximately 1981.

7 14. In 1981, all ongoing mining operations at the Site were
8 ceased.

9 15. On April 27, 1987, HMDC was merged into the Atchison, Topeka
10 and Santa Fe Railway Company.

11 16. According to a July 1, 1991 letter from Mr. Tim Leftwich,
12 the Director of Environmental Quality for the Cerrillos Land Com-
13 pany (CLC) to EPA Region IX, CLC is "the current owner of the
14 mineral estate" for the Site.

15 17. As further indicated in the Corporate Chronology attached to
16 the June 18, 1991 letter from Mr. Leftwich to EPA, CLC was incor-
17 porated on March 21, 1983, as a subsidiary of the newly incor-
18 porated Santa Fe Pacific Minerals Corporation (SFMC). The Santa
19 Fe Pacific Minerals Corporation itself was incorporated on March
20 14, 1983, as a subsidiary of Santa Fe Industries, Inc.

21 18. As indicated in the Mineral Take Off attachment to the June
22 18, 1991 letter from Mr. Leftwich to EPA, the Cerrillos Land Com-
23 pany acquired its present interest in the mineral rights to the
24 Site from SFPR through special warranty deed conveyances in Sep-
25 tember 1983, and in July and October 1986.

26 19. As indicated in the Current Pertinent Structure attachment
27 to the June 18, 1991 letter from Mr. Leftwich to EPA, and con-
28 firmed by Wayne Jarke, the General Counsel for the Santa Fe

1 Pacific Minerals Corporation, in a telephone conversation with
2 EPA representative Linda P. Wandres on July 26, 1991, the
3 Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company, the Santa Fe
4 Pacific Railroad Company, and the Santa Fe Pacific Minerals Cor-
5 poration are now sister subsidiaries of Santa Fe Pacific
6 Properties, Inc. Santa Fe Pacific Properties, Inc. is itself a
7 subsidiary of the Santa Fe Pacific Corporation.

8 **C. Site Characteristics**

9 Several families live and work near the Site. Approximately
10 forty people, including children, live within one quarter mile of
11 the Site. As stated above, the Haystack Butte area, including
12 Section 19, is utilized primarily as grazing land for local sheep
13 herders. At the present time, there are no restrictions or bar-
14 riers to prevent the local population or livestock from gaining
15 access to the abandoned mine areas and mining wastes which remain
16 at the Site. Throughout the year, local residents, sheep, and
17 goats roam freely within the abandoned mine areas. In addition,
18 the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) has
19 reported that local children occasionally play on and around the
20 abandoned mine pits and the piles of mine waste at the Site.

21 **D. Incident/Release Characteristics**

22 On October 3, 1990, the Emergency Response Section (ERS) of
23 the U.S. EPA was notified by the ATSDR of potential health
24 hazards which the Agency had determined may be associated with
25 the abandoned uranium mines at the Brown-Vandever-Nanabah and
26 Desiderio Mining Sites in the Bluewater USGS quadrangle.
27 Specifically, ATSDR concluded that the Bluewater Mining Sites may
28 pose a significant health hazard to the local population because

1 of the presence of radioactive mine waste and protore on and
2 about the Sites, physical hazards at the Sites, and the potential
3 for heavy metal contamination in the vicinity of the abandoned
4 mines. As a result of its investigation, ATSDR issued a Public
5 Health Advisory concerning the Bluewater Sites (including the
6 Site subject to this Order) pursuant to Section 104(i)(6)(H) of
7 CERCLA.

8 EPA Region IX's ERS was tasked to assess the present radio-
9 logical and geochemical conditions at the Bluewater Sites, to
10 determine whether an emergency response action was warranted to
11 control the actual or threatened release of hazardous substances
12 at the Sites. On November 15-16, 1990, the ERS staff (assisted
13 by members of the EPA Office of Air and Radiation) conducted a
14 field gamma survey and collected water and soil samples on and
15 about the Brown-Vandever-Nanabah and Desiderio Mining Sites,
16 including the Site which is the subject of this Order.

17 In order to assess the conditions present at the Site sub-
18 ject to this Order, the ERS staff (using standard radiation
19 detection equipment [Ludlum 19]), first obtained background
20 radiation measurements at a distance of 2.5 miles, 1.0 mile and
21 approximately 0.5 mile from the Site. Thereafter, the ERS staff
22 took radiation readings at several sampling locations within the
23 immediate vicinity of the Site (See Attachment A, Preliminary
24 Data). Measurements were taken at both ground level and at waist
25 level. Waist level measurements are indicative of human exposure
26 levels, whereas the contact measurements taken at ground level
27 suggest the emission rate of the radioactive materials from the
28 soil.

Ground level background readings obtained by the EPA staff ranged from 11 microroentgens per hour (uR/hr) to 15 uR/hr, while waist level background readings ranged from 11 uR/hr to 13 uR/hr. Within the immediate vicinity of the Site, the net waist level (background subtracted) radiation levels ranged from 20 uR/hr to over 750 uR/hr. On ground contact, the maximum on-Site radiation level was recorded at 1,225 uR/hr. Elevated concentrations of radium (Ra-226/228) and uranium isotopes (U-223/234/235/238) were also detected in soils located on-Site. The maximum levels detected for radioisotopes in surface soils at the Site (within the top 15 centimeters of soil) were recorded for radium, which was measured in excess of 260 picocuries per gram of soil (pCi/g), and for uranium species, which were measured at more than 300 pCi/g. Soil samples which were analyzed for heavy metal contamination did not reveal any significant amount of contamination.

E. Threats to Public Health and Welfare

1. Removal Cleanup Standard

Radiation is a known carcinogen, mutagen and teratogen. Exposure to elevated gamma radiation is known to cause cancer, cataracts, and shorten the life span of affected individuals. As indicated above, elevated radionuclide levels are present in both the soil and waste materials found at the Site. These radionuclides have been found to emit radiation at levels which may present a danger to individuals in the vicinity of the Site. Uranium and several of its decay daughters are alpha emitters. The inhalation of radionuclides that are alpha emitters exposes an affected individual's internal organs to damaging alpha par-

1 ticles. Once ingested, alpha particles become trapped within the
2 body, and can thereby cause severe organ damage as well as cer-
3 tain genetic defects.

4 The National Council on Radiation Protection and Measure-
5 ments (NCRP) Report 91 (1987), "Recommendations on Limits for
6 Exposure to Ionizing Radiation," recommends the adoption of a
7 limit for continuous or frequent exposure to radiation, at a
8 100 mrem/yr effective dose equivalent (EDE) from all radiation
9 sources (including external as well as internal sources). The
10 NCRP report also recommends that a limit of 500 mrem/yr be esta-
11 blished for infrequent or "short term" exposure. In accordance
12 with the above-referenced NCRP Guidelines, EPA's Office of Air
13 and Radiation (OAR) has concurred with Region IX's Action
14 Memorandum for the Bluewater Sites, which recommends that a limit
15 of <100 mrem/yr of excess gamma radiation be adopted as a stan-
16 dard in this case, to ensure that the affected population is not
17 exposed to radiation levels in excess of the 500 mrem/yr effec-
18 tive dose equivalent from all sources.

19 For the purpose of the response action to be conducted at
20 the Site, EPA has estimated that the population in question (on
21 the average) spends two (2) hours per day in areas which have
22 been affected by the mining operations at the Site, for ap-
23 proximately 300 days out of each year. Based on this estimate,
24 it appears that the population and livestock in the immediate
25 vicinity of the Site which are being exposed to gamma radiation
26 levels of 180 uR/hr or greater (165 uR/hr above background) are
27 receiving radiation exposure in excess of the levels recommended
28 by Region IX and the EPA Office of Air and Radiation.

1 The risk level at the Site has been calculated using the follow-
 2 ing formula:

$$\begin{aligned} 3 & (180 \text{ uR/hr} - 15 \text{ uR/hr}) * 2 \text{ hr} * 300 \text{ days/yr} = 99,000 \text{ uR/yr} \\ 4 & 99,000 \text{ uR/yr} = 99 \text{ mR/yr} = 99 \text{ mrem/yr} \end{aligned}$$

5 **F. Threats to the Environment**

6 In addition to the threat which the Site currently poses to
 7 human health, the elevated emissions of gamma radiation from the
 8 radionuclides which are present in the soil and other materials
 9 at the Site may adversely effect the local biota and wildlife.
 10 Moreover, since the land is being utilized primarily for grazing
 11 at the present time, the radionuclides may be entering the food
 12 chain, as the grazing livestock ingest the contaminated biota.
 13 Over a period of time, this food chain link may also have
 14 deleterious consequences for the individuals who frequently eat
 15 animals which have grazed in the vicinity of the Site.

16 **III. CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

17 Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact, the U.S. EPA has
 18 concluded as follows:

19 **A.** The portion of the Bluewater Uranium Mining Sites which
 20 is the subject of this Order (the "Site"), which is located in
 21 Section 19, Township 13N, Range 10W of the Bluewater Quadrangle,
 22 is a "facility" as defined by Section 101(9) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C.
 23 Section 9601(9).

24 **B.** Each named Respondent is a "person" as defined by Section
 25 101(21) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. Section 9601(21).

26 **C.** The Cerrillos Land Company is the present "owner" of a
 27 property interest in the Site, as defined by Section 101(20) of
 28 CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. Section 9601(20).

1 D. The Santa Fe Pacific Railroad Company is an "owner" at
2 the time of disposal of a property interest in the Site, as
3 defined by Section 101(20) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. Section 9601(20).

4 E. The Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway Company is a
5 parent and successor corporation to the Haystack Mountain
6 Development Company, and is therefore an "operator" at the time
7 of disposal of the Site, as defined by Section 101(20) of CERCLA,
8 42 U.S.C. Section 9601(20).

9 F. The above-named Respondents are therefore liable persons
10 with respect to the Site, pursuant to Section 107(a) of CERCLA,
11 42 U.S.C. Section 9607(a).

12 G. Radionuclides are "hazardous substances" as defined by
13 Section 101(14) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. Section 9601(14), and Sec-
14 tion 302.4 of the National Contingency Plan (NCP), 40 CFR Part
15 300.

16 H. The presence of elevated radionuclide concentrations at
17 the above-referenced Site, and the potential for those substances
18 to migrate, constitutes an actual or threatened "release" of haz-
19 ardous substances into the environment, as defined by Section
20 101(22) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. Section 9601(22).

21 IV. DETERMINATIONS

22 Based on the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law stated
23 above, the Director, Hazardous Waste Management Division, EPA
24 Region IX, has made the following determinations:

25 A. The actual or threatened release of hazardous substances
26 from the Facility subject to this Order may present an imminent
27 and substantial endangerment to the public health or welfare or
28 the environment.

1 **B. Specifically, the conditions present at the Facility**
2 constitute a threat to public health or welfare or the environ-
3 ment based upon consideration of the factors set forth in the Na-
4 tional Contingency Plan, at 40 CFR Section 300.415(b). These
5 factors include, but are not limited to, the following:

6 **1. Actual or potential exposure to hazardous substances**
7 **by nearby populations, animals, or food chain:**

8 As indicated above, approximately forty people, including
9 children, reside within an approximate one half mile radius of
10 the Site. If immediate action is not taken to control the
11 release of hazardous substances at the Site, the local population
12 may be exposed to dangerous doses of gamma radiation and elevated
13 concentrations of radionuclides. As indicated in Section II.F.1
14 of this Order, constant or frequent exposure to elevated gamma
15 radiation emitted from radionuclides is known to cause cancer,
16 life span shortening and cataracts in affected individuals.

17 **2. High levels of hazardous substances in soils largely at**
18 **or near the surface that may migrate:**

19 EPA has determined that the soils which are present within
20 the boundaries of the Site contain elevated concentrations of
21 radionuclides. These hazardous substances may migrate from the
22 surface soils at the Site as a result of high winds in the im-
23 mediate vicinity. The inhalation of airborne radionuclides ex-
24 poses the internal organs of exposed persons to damaging alpha
25 particles. Uranium and several of its decay daughters are alpha
26 radiation emitters. Once ingested, an alpha particle becomes
27 trapped within the body and can thereby cause severe organ damage
28 as well as certain types of genetic defects. Radionuclides
29 present in surface soils may also migrate as a result of their
30 exposure to flash flood waters and surface runoff. Finally, in-
31 creased radiation emissions may result from elevated radionuclide
32 concentrations at the Site. Such radiation is a known car-
33 cinogen, mutagen and teratogen.

34 **3. Weather conditions that may cause hazardous substances**
35 **to migrate or be released:**

36 Although the area in the vicinity of the Site is relatively
37 dry during the majority of the year, the Bluewater District is
38 subject to severe seasonal thunderstorms, high winds, and flash
39 flooding. As a result, the mine wastes which remain present on
40 the surface of the land are slowly being broken down and trans-
41 ported, by both alluvial and fluvial forces.

1 C. In order to prevent or mitigate immediate and sig-
2 nificant risk of harm to the public health, welfare and the en-
3 vironment, it is necessary that actions be taken immediately to
4 contain and prevent the release and potential release of hazard-
5 ous substances from the Site.

6 D. The actions required by this Order, if properly per-
7 formed, are consistent with CERCLA and the National Contingency
8 Plan (NCP), 40 CFR Part 300, and are necessary and appropriate to
9 protect the public health or welfare or the environment from the
10 release of hazardous substances from the Site.

11 V. ORDER

12 Based upon the foregoing Findings of Fact, Conclusions of
13 Law, and Determinations, and pursuant to Section 106(a) of
14 CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. Section 9606(a), it is hereby Ordered that
15 Respondents undertake the following actions with regard to the
16 Site, under the direction of EPA's On-Scene Coordinator:

17 A. Within twenty-one (21) calendar days after the effective
18 date of this Order, the Respondents shall submit in writing, for
19 EPA review and approval, a Site Stabilization Plan and Schedule
20 (Work Plan). The Work Plan shall provide a concise description
21 of the removal activities which are to be conducted pursuant to
22 this Order, as set forth below. Pursuant to the Work Plan, the
23 Ordered activities shall be implemented and completed in accor-
24 dance with the time frames specified in this Section:

- 25 1. Within thirty-five (35) calendar days after the effective
26 date of this Order, the Respondents shall conduct a
27 field gamma survey to define and delineate all areas
28 within the Site which exceed 180 microroentgens an hour
(uR/hr) (165 uR/hr above background) at ground level.
The Work Plan shall contain specific information on how
the gamma survey will be conducted, grid specification,
the type of instruments planned to be utilized, and the

1 qualifications of the surveyors. All sampling and
2 analysis shall be consistent with the "Removal Program
3 Quality Assurance/Quality Control Interim Guidance:
Sampling, QA/QC Plan and Data Validation," EPA OSWER
Directive 9360.4-01, dated February 2, 1989.

4 2. Within sixty (60) calendar days after the effective
5 date of this Order, the Respondents shall effectively
6 reduce radiation emissions from all mine waste piles and
7 areas where mining has exposed the uranium rich lime-
8 stone, where recorded gamma emissions have been found to
9 exceed 180 uR/hr at ground level (165 uR/hr above
10 background). The radiation emissions from these piles
11 and mined surfaces shall be reduced to a level below 180
12 uR/hr. The proposed response actions to reduce these
13 radiation emissions must be able to withstand erosion and
chemical weathering (revegetation or the equivalent).
The Work Plan shall provide adequate information and
details on how the gamma radiation levels will be reduced
by the proposed action, on specific site operation
procedures, on the type of equipment which the Respon-
dents plan to utilize during the proposed action, and on
the qualifications of the personnel to be employed or
otherwise retained by the Respondents to perform the
Ordered activities.

14 3. Within sixty (60) calendar days after the effective date
15 of this Order, the Respondents shall post signs in
16 English, Spanish and Navajo warning the local residents
of the potential radiological hazards associated with
the Site.

17 The Work Plan submitted by the Respondents shall be reviewed
18 by the U.S. EPA, which may approve, disapprove, require revi-
19 sions, or modify the Work Plan. If EPA provides comments to the
20 Respondents on the proposed Work Plan, the Respondents shall in-
21 corporate all of EPA's comments and resubmit the plan to EPA
22 within seven (7) calendar days after receiving any such comments.

23 Once EPA has approved the Work Plan, the Respondents shall
24 promptly commence implementation of the Plan as approved by EPA.
25 Failure of the Respondents to promptly and properly implement all
26 aspects of the Work Plan as approved shall be deemed to be a
27 violation of the terms of this Order.

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1 The EPA approved Work Plan shall be deemed to be incor-
2 porated into this Order by reference, and thus, shall be fully
3 enforceable under the terms of this Order.

4 The Work Plan and other documents submitted by the Respon-
5 dents shall demonstrate that the Respondents can properly and
6 effectively conduct the response actions required by this Order.

7 B. Within twenty-one (21) calendar days after the effective
8 date of this Order, the Respondents shall submit in writing, for
9 EPA review and approval, a Site Health and Safety Plan. The Site
10 Health and Safety Plan shall include necessary provisions to
11 protect the health and safety of Site workers and neighboring
12 residents, and shall be approved by a qualified Health Physicist.
13 The Site Health and Safety Plan shall be prepared in accordance
14 with EPA's Standard Operating Safety Guide, dated November 1984,
15 and updated July 1988, and with the Occupational Safety and
16 Health Administration (OSHA) regulations contained in 29 CFR Part
17 120, which are applicable to Hazardous Waste Operations and Emer-
18 gency Response Actions.

19 If EPA provides comments to the Respondents on the Site
20 Health and Safety Plan, the Respondents shall incorporate all of
21 EPA's comments and resubmit the plan to EPA within seven (7)
22 calendar days of receiving any such comments.

23 C. Within thirty-four (34) calendar days after the effective
24 date of this Order, the Respondents shall submit in writing, for
25 EPA review and approval, a Post-Response Sampling Plan to ensure
26 that all gamma radiation emission levels recorded within the
27 boundaries of the Site following the completion of this removal
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1 action are below the above-referenced limit of 180 uR/hr (165
2 uR/hr above background).

3 D. Within five (5) calendar days following the completion of
4 the initial gamma radiation survey at the Site, the Respondents
5 shall submit to EPA for review and approval copies of the field
6 data which the Respondents have obtained during their initial
7 survey of Site conditions, including a map delineating the survey
8 points, documentation on instrument calibrations, and a summary
9 of the procedures utilized by the Respondents and the findings
10 which they obtained during the initial survey. After EPA has ap-
11 proved the results of the initial gamma survey, the Respondents
12 shall proceed in implementing the remaining tasks specified in
13 the approved Work Plan.

14 E. During the implementation of the Work Plan and the Sam-
15 pling Plan, the Respondents shall provide written weekly summary
16 reports to the EPA On-Scene Coordinator. These weekly reports
17 shall contain a summary of the previous week's activities and
18 planned upcoming events.

19 F. The Respondents shall provide notice to EPA at least
20 forty-eight (48) hours prior to performance of any on-Site work.

21 G. At the conclusion of the Post-Response Sampling acti-
22 vities, the Respondents shall prepare a final report summarizing
23 the work which they have conducted at the Site pursuant to this
24 Order. The final report shall contain, at a minimum: identifica-
25 tion of the Facility; a description of the locations and types of
26 hazardous substances encountered at the Facility upon the initia-
27 tion of work performed under this Order; a chronology and
28 description of the actions performed (including both the

1 organization and implementation of response activities); a list-
2 ing of the resources committed to perform the work under this Or-
3 der (including financial, personnel, mechanical and technological
4 resources); identification of all items that affected the actions
5 performed under the Order, and a discussion of how all problems
6 were resolved; and a presentation of the analytical results of
7 all sampling and analyses performed (including all materials re-
8 lated to the Post-Response gamma survey), and accompanying appen-
9 dices containing all relevant paperwork accrued or used during
10 the action (e.g., Site maps, instrument calibration data,
11 invoices, bills, contracts, permits, and Site personnel
12 information).

13 In addition, the final report shall include an affidavit
14 from a person who supervised or directed the preparation of that
15 report. The affidavit shall certify under penalty of law that
16 based on the affiant's personal knowledge and appropriate in-
17 quiries of all other persons involved in the preparation of the
18 report, the information submitted is true, accurate, and complete
19 to the best of the affiant's knowledge and belief.

20 The final report shall be submitted to EPA no later than
21 fourteen (14) calendar days following the termination of the
22 response action at the Site.

23 H. The Respondents shall retain a contractor which is
24 qualified to undertake and complete the requirements of this
25 Order, and shall notify the U.S. EPA of the name of such contrac-
26 tor, within twenty-one (21) calendar days after the effective
27 date of this Order (within the timeframe specified above for sub-
28 mittal of the Work Plan for Site activities). EPA retains the

1 right to disapprove of any, or all, of the contractors and/or
2 subcontractors which the Respondents may seek to retain. In the
3 event that EPA disapproves of a selected contractor, the Respon-
4 dents shall retain a different contractor to perform the Ordered
5 work within seven (7) calendar days following EPA's disapproval
6 of the Respondents' initial contractor selection.

7 I. Any materials containing hazardous substances, pol-
8 lutants, or contaminants which are removed from the Site pursuant
9 to actions required under this Order shall be disposed of or
10 treated at a facility approved by the EPA On-Scene Coordinator,
11 and in accordance with the requirements of the Resource Conserva-
12 tion and Recovery Act of 1976 (RCRA), 42 U.S.C. Section 9601, et
13 seq., as amended, the U.S. EPA Revised Off-Site Policy, and all
14 other applicable Federal, State, and local requirements.

15 J. The Respondents shall designate a Project Coordinator for
16 the work to be performed at the Site. To the greatest extent
17 possible, the Project Coordinator shall be present on-Site, or be
18 otherwise readily available, during the performance of response
19 activities at the Site. The U.S. EPA has designated Robert E.
20 Bornstein as its On-Scene Coordinator (OSC) for the Site. All
21 relevant correspondence, reports, and documents should be sub-
22 mitted to the EPA On-Scene Coordinator at the following address:

23 Robert E. Bornstein, OSC
24 Emergency Response Section (H-8-3)
25 U.S. EPA
26 Region IX
27 75 Hawthorne Street
28 San Francisco, CA 94105

The On-Scene Coordinator and the Respondents' Project Coordinator
shall be responsible for overseeing the implementation of this

1 Order. To the maximum extent possible, and unless otherwise
2 specified in this Order, communication between the Respondents
3 and the U.S. EPA, and all documents, reports, approvals, and cor-
4 respondence concerning the response activities to be performed
5 pursuant to this Order, shall be directed through the EPA On-
6 Scene Coordinator and the Respondents' Project Coordinator.

7 K. The U.S. EPA and the Respondents shall each have the
8 right to change their designated Coordinator for the response ac-
9 tivities conducted at the Site. The U.S. EPA shall notify the
10 Respondents, and the Respondents shall notify EPA, as early as
11 possible before such a change is made. However, in no event
12 shall less than 24 hours' notice be provided for such a change.
13 While verbal notification may be provided initially for a change
14 in the designated Coordinator under this provision, such
15 notification shall be confirmed promptly in writing.

16 L. The U.S. EPA On-Scene Coordinator shall have the
17 authority vested in an On-Scene Coordinator by the NCP, 40 CFR
18 Part 300, as amended, including the authority to halt, conduct,
19 or direct any work required by this Order, and to direct any
20 other response action to be undertaken by the U.S. EPA or the
21 Respondents at the Facility subject to this Order. All instruc-
22 tions given by the EPA On-Scene Coordinator or his designated
23 alternate shall be binding upon the Respondents as long as those
24 instructions are not clearly inconsistent with the provisions of
25 the National Contingency Plan.

26 M. No extensions shall be granted to the timeframes set
27 forth for the performance of specific response actions pursuant
28 to this Order without sufficient cause. All such extensions must

1 be requested by the Respondents in writing, and shall not be
2 deemed to be accepted unless EPA has approved such an extension
3 in writing.

4 N. To the extent that the Facility subject to this Order, or
5 other nearby areas where work must be performed pursuant to this
6 Order, is owned, leased, or possessed by person(s) other than the
7 Respondents, it is the responsibility of the Respondents to ob-
8 tain access to and use of any such areas, in order to carry out
9 the terms of this Order. Accordingly, it is the responsibility
10 of the Respondents to obtain all necessary access agreements to
11 enable them to perform the Ordered work at the Site. In the
12 event that the Respondents are unable to obtain access to por-
13 tions of the Site or surrounding lands, despite having used their
14 best efforts to do so, the Respondents shall immediately notify
15 the U.S. EPA.

16 O. The Respondents shall provide U.S. EPA employees, con-
17 tractors, agents, and other representatives with unrestricted ac-
18 cess to the Facility at all reasonable times, and shall permit
19 all such persons to be present on and to move freely in the area
20 subject to this Order, to conduct inspections on the subject
21 land, including taking photographs and videotapes of the
22 Facility, to perform necessary cleanup and site stabilization
23 work, to take samples at the Site, to monitor the work performed
24 by Respondents pursuant to this Order, and to conduct other such
25 activities as the U.S. EPA determines are necessary at the Site.
26 Nothing in this Order shall limit any access rights that EPA or
27 other governmental agencies may have pursuant to law.

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1 P. Nothing contained herein shall be construed to prevent
2 the U.S. EPA from seeking legal or equitable relief to enforce
3 the terms of this Order, or from taking other legal or equitable
4 action as it deems necessary and appropriate, or from requiring
5 the Respondents in the future to perform additional response
6 activities pursuant to CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. Section 9601, et seq.,
7 or any other applicable law.

8 Q. If any provision of this Order is deemed to be invalid or
9 unenforceable, the balance of the Order shall remain in full
10 force and effect.

11 VI. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS

12 The Respondents shall comply with all applicable federal,
13 state and local laws and regulations in carrying out the terms of
14 this Order. As indicated above, all hazardous substances removed
15 from the Site must be handled in accordance with the Resource
16 Conservation and Recovery Act of 1976, 42 U.S.C. Section 6921, et
17 seq., the regulations promulgated under that Act, and Section
18 121(d)(3) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. Section 9621(d)(3).

19 VII. ENDANGERMENT DURING IMPLEMENTATION

20 The Director, Hazardous Waste Management Division, EPA
21 Region 9, may determine that acts or circumstances (whether re-
22 lated to or unrelated to this Order) may endanger human health,
23 welfare or the environment, and as a result of this determina-
24 tion, may order the Respondents to stop further implementation
25 of this Order until the endangerment is abated.

26 VIII. GOVERNMENT NOT LIABLE

27 The United States Government and its employees and other
28 representatives shall not be liable for any injuries or damages

1 to persons or property resulting from the acts or omissions of
2 the Respondents, their employees, contractors, or other represen-
3 tatives caused by carrying out this Order. For the purposes of
4 this Order, the United States Government is not a party to any
5 contract with the Respondents.

6 **VIX. PENALTIES FOR NONCOMPLIANCE**

7 A. The Respondents are advised that pursuant to Section
8 106(b) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. Section 9606(b), a willful violation
9 or failure or refusal to comply with this Order may subject the
10 Respondents to a civil penalty of up to \$25,000 per day for each
11 day in which the violation occurs or failure to comply continues.
12 Failure to comply with this Order, or any portion thereof,
13 without sufficient cause may also subject the Respondents to
14 liability for punitive damages of up to three times the total
15 cost incurred by the United States as a result of the Respon-
16 dents' failure to take proper response action with regard to the
17 Site, pursuant to Section 107(c)(3) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. Section
18 9607(c)(3).

19 B. EPA may take over the response action at any time if EPA
20 determines that the Respondents are not taking appropriate action
21 in accordance with this Order. EPA may order additional actions
22 as it deems necessary in order to protect the public health, wel-
23 fare, or the environment from the release of hazardous substances
24 at the Site. In this regard, the Respondents are advised that
25 they may be found to be liable under Section 107(a) of CERCLA, 42
26 U.S.C. Section 9607(a), for any and all costs incurred by the
27 government in performing such additional response actions at the
28 Site.

X. OPPORTUNITY TO CONFER

With respect to the actions required above, the Respondents may, within seven (7) calendar days following the issuance of this Order, request a conference with the U.S. EPA to discuss the provisions of the Order. Any such conference shall be held within fourteen (14) calendar days from the date of the Respondents' request, unless the timeframe for the conference has been extended by mutual agreement of the parties. At any conference held pursuant to the Respondents' request, the Respondents may appear in person, or be represented by an attorney or other representative. If any Respondent desires such a conference, the Respondent shall contact Linda P. Wandres, Assistant Regional Counsel, at (415) 744-1359, within the timeframe stated above.

If such a conference is held, Respondents may present any evidence, arguments, comments, or objections which they may have regarding this Order, its applicability to the Respondents, any factual determinations upon which the Order is based, the appropriateness of any action which the Respondents are being ordered to perform, or any other relevant and material issue regarding the Order. Any such evidence, arguments, comments, or objections should be reduced to writing and submitted to the U.S. EPA within seven (7) calendar days following the scheduled conference.

XI. PARTIES BOUND

The provisions of this Order and the directions of the U.S. EPA On-Scene Coordinator shall apply to and are binding upon the Respondents, their officers, directors, agents, employees, contractors, successors, and assigns.

1 **XII. NOTICE OF INTENTION TO COMPLY**

2 On or before three (3) calendar days of receipt of this Or-
3 der, the Respondents shall provide notice, verbally or in writ-
4 ing, to U.S. EPA stating their intention to comply with all of
5 the terms set forth in this Order. Verbal notification must be
6 followed in writing within two (2) calendar days. Such written
7 notice shall be provided to the Director, Hazardous Waste Manage-
8 ment Division, at the following address:

9 Jeff Zelikson, Director
10 Hazardous Waste Management Division (H-1)
11 United States Environmental Protection Agency
12 75 Hawthorne Street
 San Francisco, CA 94105

13 In the event that any Respondent fails to provide such notice,
14 that Respondent shall be deemed not to have complies with the
15 terms of this Order.

16 **XIII. RECORD RETENTION**

17 The Respondents shall retain copies of all records and files
18 which relate to hazardous substances found on the Site for six
19 (6) years following the completion of the activities required by
20 this Order. The Respondents shall further make such records and
21 files available to the U.S. EPA prior to the termination of the
22 removal activities to be performed pursuant to this Order.

23 **XIV. ACCESS TO ADMINISTRATIVE RECORD**

24 The Administrative Record which has been compiled by EPA in
25 connection with this matter, and which supports the selection of
26 the response action, is available for review on normal business
27 days between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., in the Office
28 of Regional Counsel, United States Environmental Protection

1 Agency, Region IX, 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, California
 2 94105. In addition, a copy of the Administrative Record will be
 3 made available within sixty (60) calendar days following the in-
 4 itiation of response activities pursuant to this Order in a
 5 designated public repository within the vicinity of the Site.
 6 Please contact Linda P. Wandres, the EPA Assistant Regional Coun-
 7 sel assigned to this matter, at (415)-744-1359 if you wish to
 8 review the Administrative Record in this case. A preliminary in-
 9 dex of the Administrative Record is attached to this Order
 10 (Attachment B) for your review.

11 **IV. EFFECTIVE DATE**

12 Notwithstanding any conferences requested pursuant to the
 13 provisions of this Order, this Order shall be effective upon the
 14 date of execution by the Director, Hazardous Waste Management
 15 Division, EPA Region IX, and all times for performance shall be
 16 calculated from that date. If a conference is requested by the
 17 Respondents, the Order shall be effective on the seventh (7th)
 18 calendar day following the date of the conference, unless EPA has
 19 agreed in writing to modify the effective date of the Order.

20 IT IS ORDERED on this 29th day of July 1991.

21 UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

22 By: Jeff Zelikson
 23 Jeff Zelikson, Director
 24 Hazardous Waste Management Division
 25 United States Environmental Protection Agency
 26 Region IX

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ATTACHMENT A
GAMMA RADIATION SURVEY DATA
BROWN-VANDEVER MINE SITE, NAVAJO NATION
SECTION 19

NOVEMBER 14-15, 1990

Operator - Collen Petullo Recorder - Robert Bornstein
Instrument ID# Calibration date Calibration Source
1 Ludlum 19 452663 11-08-90 Ra-226
2 Bicron 825481 10-15-90 Cs-137
3 Ludlum 12 140830 11-08-90 Pu-239, Sr-90
Pancake

Date 11/14/90 SECTION 19

Inst.	Time	Station	Ground	Waist	Comments
1 3	0900 0903	Background1	11 uR/hr 100 cpm	11 uR/hr 100 cpm	2.5 mi from site.
1 3	0908 0910	Background2	11 uR/hr 100 cpm	11 uR/hr 100 cpm	1.0 mi from site.
1	0930	Brown Home	13 uR/hr	14 uR/hr	stage area
1 2	1000 1001	Station 1	35 uR/hr 25 urem/hr	36 uR/hr 25 urem/hr	Center of dirt road
1 2	1003 1004	Station 2	130 uR/hr 70 urem/hr	135 uR/hr 60 urem/hr	near tree
1 2	1007 1008	Station 3	90 uR/hr 50 urem/hr	N/A N/A	contact on ground
1 2	1010 1011	Station 4	115 uR/hr* 75 urem/hr	100 uR/hr # 50 urem/hr	
1 2	1015 1017	Station 5	130 uR/hr 85 urem/hr	145 uR/hr 60 urem/hr	
1 2	1019 1020	Station 6	1200 uR/hr 800 urem/hr	800 uR/hr 400 urem/hr	In pit zone
1 2	1028 1033	Station 7	40 uR/hr 20 urem/hr	44 uR/hr 25 urem/hr	Away from pit area
1 2	1040 1044	Station 8	150 uR/hr 90 urem/hr	140 uR/hr 72 urem/hr	

Table 1. (Continued)

Inst.	Time	Station	Ground	Waist	Comments
1	1055	Station 9	190 uR/hr	170 uR/hr	
2	1057		120 urem/hr	90 urem/hr	
1	1105	Station 10	1250 uR/hr	800 uR/hr	open area
2	1108		750 urem/hr	350 urem/hr	
1	1113	Station 11	400 uR/hr	200 uR/hr	
2	1115		300 urem/hr	150 urem/hr	
1	1118	Station 12	600 uR/hr	500 uR/hr	
2	1120		500 urem/hr	300 urem/hr	
1	1122	Station 13	500 uR/hr	500 uR/hr	
2	1124		250 urem/hr	400 urem/hr	
1	1127	Station 14	600 uR/hr	700 uR/hr	
2	1128		300 urem/hr	300 urem/hr	
1	1134	Station 15	230 uR/hr	280 uR/hr	
2	1136		150 urem/hr	150 urem/hr	
1	1140	Station 16	700 uR/hr	600 uR/hr	
2	1141		300 urem/hr	250 urem/hr	
1	1150	Station 17	80 uR/hr	120 uR/hr	
2	1151		40 urem/hr	35 urem/hr	
1	1155	Station 18	90 uR/hr	65 uR/hr	
2	1156		50 urem/hr	35 urem/hr	

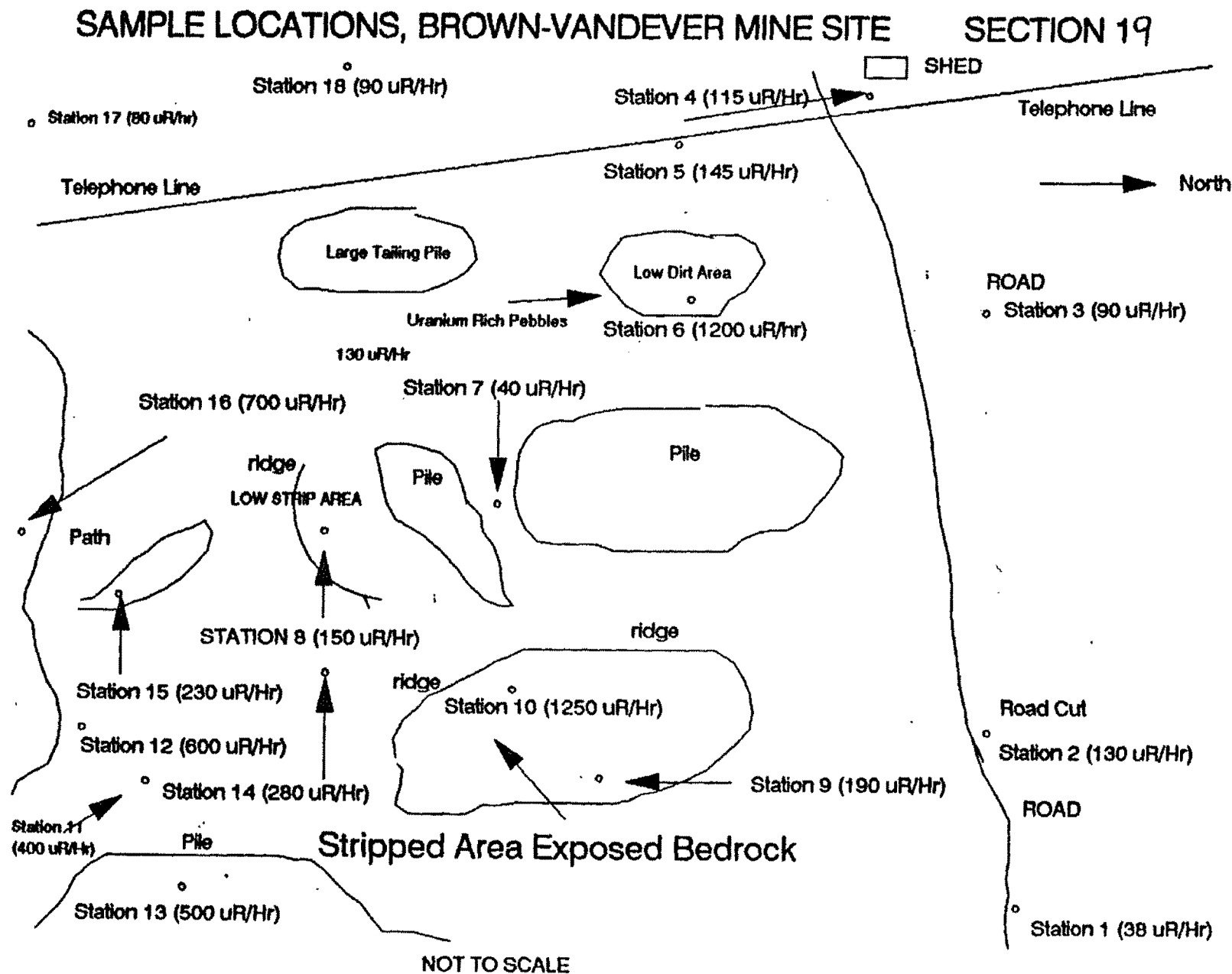


Figure 5. Section 1 B-V.

Preliminary Index to the Administration Record

<u>AUTHOR</u>	<u>ORGANIZATION AND SUBJECT</u>
1) Patrick Molloy	Navajo Nation Superfund: Preliminary Assessment for the Navajo-Desiderio Group Uranium Mines. April 1, 1990.
2) Patrick Molloy	Navajo Nation Superfund: Preliminary Assessment for the Brown Vandever Uranium Mines. April 6, 1990.
3) Robert Bornstein	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency: Navajo-Brown Vandever and Navajo Desiderio Uranium Mining Areas Preliminary Assessment Workplan. November. 7, 1990.
4) Robert C. Williams	Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR): Public Health Advisory Navajo-Brown Vandever and Navajo Desiderio Uranium Mining Areas. November 21, 1990.
5) Robert Bornstein	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency: The Radionuclide, Metal and Gamma Survey Data Package. January 29, 1991.
6) Sharon Seidel	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency: Navajo Bluewater Site-Preliminary Risk Assessment. May 30, 1991.

Miscellaneous Documents

- 1) Various Aerial Photographs, USGS Topographical maps, BLM Surface Mineral Management Maps, and BIA Realty Maps.

Guidance Documents

- 1) Guidance Document: Superfund Removal Procedures #3, OSWER #9360.0-038, 02/01/88.
- 2) Guidance Document: Removal Cost Management Manual (Secondary Reference), OSWER #9360.0-028, 04/01/88.
- 3) Guidance Document: Land Disposal Restrictions, 08/11/87.
- 4) Guidance Document: Emergency Response Cleanup Services Contracts (ERCS), Users' Manual, October 1983, 10/01/83.

- 5) Guidance Document: National Oil & Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Guidance, Part 300, 40 CFR CH.1 (7/1/85 Edition), pp. 664 - 755, 07/01/85.
- 6) Guidance Document: Superfund Amendments & Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA), 10/17/86.
- 7) Guidance Document: Interim Guidance on Administrative Records for Selection of CERCLA Response Actions, OSWER 9833.3A, 03/01/89.
- 8) Guidance Document: Superfund LDR Guide #7: Determining When Land Disposal Restrictions (LDRs) are "Relevant and Appropriate" to CERCLA Response Actions, OSWER 9347.3-08FS, 12/01/89.
- 9) Technical Assistance Team Report from Preliminary Assessment
- 10) The National Council of Radiation Protection and Measurements (NCRP) Report 91 (1987), "Recommendations on Limits for Exposure to ionizing Radiation."

Attachment 4

Site Screen Report
Haystack No.1 - AUM Site
Weston Solutions, Inc. May 2009

Navajo Abandoned Uranium Mine Site Screen Report

This form is for use at the site of abandoned uranium mines (AUM) located on Navajo Nation lands. Applicable sites include all mine and mine features that have or have not undergone reclamation by the Navajo Abandoned Mine Lands Reclamation Program, including features, adits and pits. Applicable sites also include all AUM sites listed in the USEPA CERCLIS database, all sites listed in the 2008 AUM GIS Report issued by USACOE and USEPA, all AUM sites on allotment lands associated with the Navajo Nation, and any and all AUM sites lands not listed in any database located on Navajo lands. Reconnaissance of any sites located on lands adjacent to Navajo lands but that are or may be impacting Navajo lands will need to be coordinated with the authorities appropriate to those lands.

The purpose of the form is to ascertain the status and location of the identified AUM site, to record all immediate site information associated with the mine site and to document the recommendation and/or decision on what additional steps, if any, are needed at the site.

Haystack No. 1 AUM Site

Navajo AUM Eastern Region

Prepared by:

Weston Solutions, Inc.

Contract: W91238-06-F-0083

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Part I Site Identification, Location and Status**Site Names and ID numbers as applicable****Mine ID:** 344**Map ID:** E82**CERCLIS:** NNN 000 908 720**NAMLRP:** NOT ASSIGNED**New Mexico Mining and Mineral Division ID:** NM0047**New Mexico Bureau of Geology and Mineral Resources:** NMMK0081, 0077,0080**Local name / Aliases:** Haystack – Section 19 Open Pit Complex**Chapter and local area:** Baca/Haystack Chapter**Lat/Long:** 35.3457135782 N / -107.943650564 W**Nearby road and highway:** Haystack Road (BIA 23), Red Mountain Road (BIA 41)**Local Post Office:** Prewitt, NM**Land Status: check one or more and provide ownership and contact information below**

Tribal Trust Land	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tribal Fee Land	<input type="checkbox"/>
Allotment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Fee land	<input type="checkbox"/>
Public lands	<input type="checkbox"/>
Private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Bureau of Land Mgmt	<input type="checkbox"/>
State	<input type="checkbox"/>

Ownership and contact information:

The majority of the mine site property is located as private land with a smaller portion located on Indian allotment located at the northern extent of the mine.

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Part II Site Observations

Observed Structures: list number of and describe human habitation status of structures at the following distances from mine:

0 to 200 feet: None

200 feet to 0.25 mile: None

Observed Public or commercial structure: list and describe all schools, clinics, Chapter Houses, places of business and any other structure used by members of the community at the following distances:

0 to 200 feet: None

200 feet to 0.25 mile: None

Levels measured around the perimeter(s) of the identified structure(s):

None

Observed water sources: list the number and type of wells and surface water sources that are potentially used for human consumption at the following distances from the mine:

0 to 0.25 miles: None

0.25 miles to 4 miles: None

Sensitive environments: note and describe all sensitive environments located within visible range of the mine site, including: wetlands, endangered species habitats and approximate locations of sites that may be under protection of the government of the Navajo Nation.

None observed

Known Site History: include information from interviews with Chapter officials and residents.

Note information on mine ownership, period of operation, and type of mining operation.

The Haystack No. 1 mine consists of an area of 279,659.30 square meters. Any historical information pertaining to mining operations and historical ownership of the mine site appeared to be unclear.

Part III Type, number and reclamation status of mine features

Provide description and reclamation status of all mine sites and features at site. Include all waste piles, adits, pits and other features, and indicate whether they are open, closed, covered, capped, buried or unreclaimed. Indicate approximate size, shape and extent, including description of any reclamation caps. Note condition of all reclamation caps.

Reclamation status of the mine sites are currently unknown. The mine appears to have been reclaimed. The portion of the mine on private property was fenced and posted with signs warning of underground radiological hazards. The signs were faded and nearly illegible. No adits or other mine features were observed during the site visit.

Part IV Summary of radiological readings**Background Locations**

#1 10,310 cpm

#2 9,952 cpm

#3 8,504 cpm

Mine site: Haystack No. 1

- See Figures 1 and 2

Nearby Structure Perimeter – None

Describe any other radiological measurements:

A total of 7,045 gamma radiation measurements were collected from mine sites, ranging from 5,965 cpm to 626,434 cpm. The measurements are represented in Figures 1 and 2.

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Part V **Site sketch of all mine features and readings, including locations of all structures, sources of drinking water and any other important features and radiological readings.**

Presented in Figures 1 and 2

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Part VI Response Action Summary**Site Name(s):** Haystack No. 1 **Chapter:** Baca/Haystack**Decision Criteria****Is there an unreclaimed waste pile at the site?** No**At what distance from the waste pile is the nearest residential structure located?** N/A**At what distances from the waste pile are there potential drinking water sources?** N/A**Is there a reclamation cap or sealed adit in place at the site?** No**Is the cap/seal functionally intact?** yes**Is the cap/seal sufficiently degraded to create a concern about releases?** no**At what distance from the cap/seal is the nearest domestic structure located?** One residence is located on the mine; two others are located within ¼ mile. A church is also located within ¼ mile from the site.**At what distance from the cap/seal is the nearest domestic drinking water source?**
0.6 miles**Summary of emergency response factors**

None

Summary hazard ranking system factors

None

Summary of reclamation factors

No known reclamation

Part VII Photos

Photo 1. Haystack No 1 Mine site, towards the southwest



Photo 2. Haystack No 1 Mine site, towards the south



Photo 3. Haystack No 1 Mine site, residence (Tom and Lenea Vandever) locate on the mine site



Photo 4. Haystack No 1 Mine site, open hole or vent near residence



Photo 5. Haystack No 1 Mine site, section corner survey marker

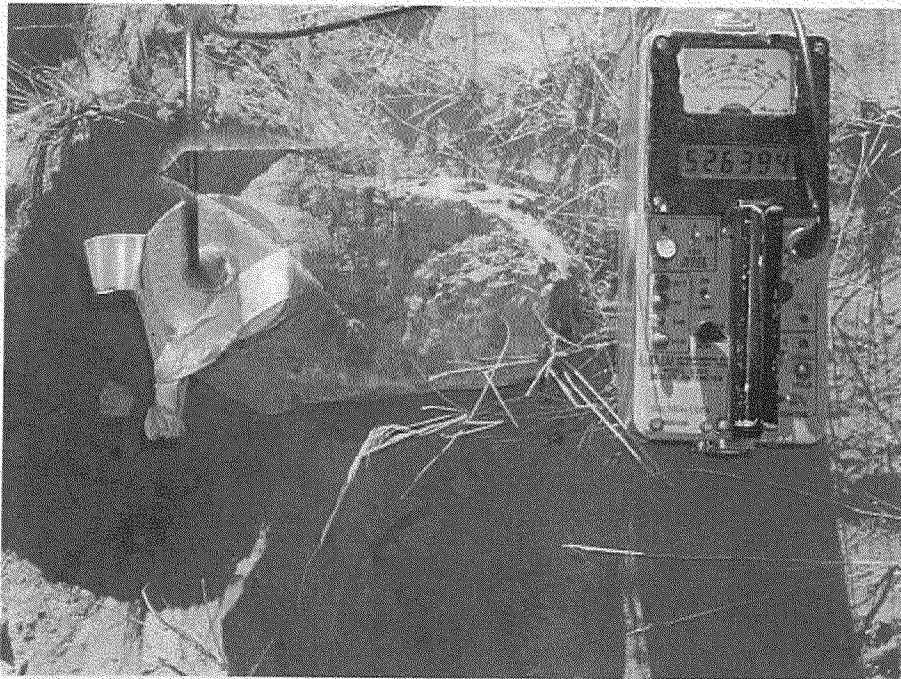


Photo 6. Haystack No 1 Mine site, gamma radiation emitting 500,000 cpm from waste rock located near residence



Photo 6. Haystack No. 1 Mine site, faded sign posted on portion of mine located on private property warning of subsurface radiological hazards

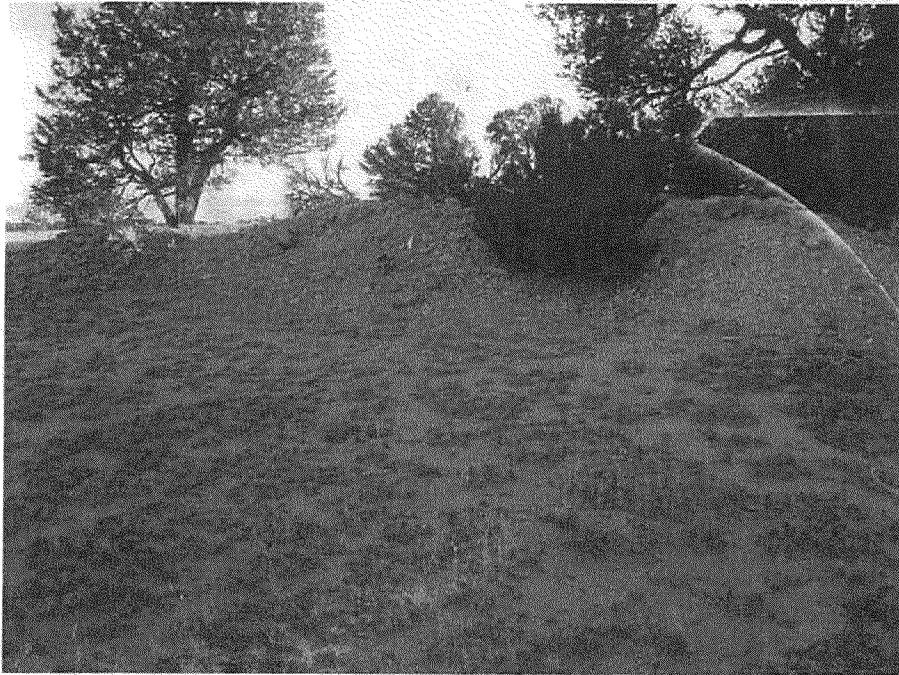


Photo 6. Haystack No. 1 Mine site, waste piles on mine

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Part VIII Contacts Reports and InformationName Tom and Lena VandeverTitle or official role (if any) residentTelephone number POB 518 Prewitt. NM 87045Information provided Lives within the mine boundary. Father is Brown Vandever who lives next door just off of mine (POB 262 Prewitt. NM 87045)Name Stanley EdisonTitle or official role (if any) Navajo EPA Superfund ProgramAddress PO Box 2946, Window Rock, AZ 86515Information provided General Background and Contact/Access InformationName Ms George PadillaTitle or official role (if any) Regional Environmental Scientist, BIA, Navajo NationTelephone number (505) 863-8434Address PO Box 1060, Gallup, NM 87305

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Title or official role (if any) _____

Telephone number _____

Information provided _____

